

HENRY AND KEZIA ELIZABETH RUSSELL CLUFF

Henry Cluff, the 10th child of David and Betsey or Elizabeth Hall Cluff, was born 15 Feb. 1843 in Nauvoo, Hancock Co., Illinois. Henry was four years old when his family was driven from Nauvoo but he vividly remembered the persecution of the Saints. He moved west with his parents and as a youth remembered the travels and hardships experienced by the family and



the Saints. In the fall of 1850 the family came to Utah, settling in Provo. In 1862 he learned the cabinet trade with his brothers. In 1864 he went back to Missouri for immigrants. He took an active part in the Black Hawk War and later Indian troubles which occurred in the early settlement of Utah. On 9 Nov. 1865 at the early age of 22 he married Kezia Elizabeth Russell. In 1871 he moved to the Cluff's ranch near Keetley. He gave his attention to farming and stock-raising. He and his brother Joseph made many a hazardous trip through Provo Canyon, cutting roads through snow slides and fording the swollen river at many points. In 1878 he was set apart as Presiding Elder over Elkhorn Branch of East Heber Ward. In 1899 he was set apart as Bishop of Elkhorn Ward under the hands of Apostle Francis M. Lyman with Orson H. Lee and Harry Morris as counselors. He served two terms as Justice of Peace of Elkhorn District and was elected County Commissioner in 1900. For 17 years he gave his time as school trustee and served as musical director of the Branch. He lived at the ranch until about 1910 or 1912 when he and his wife moved back to Provo. His wife died a few years after they moved and he lived alone for 16 years until his death in 1931. He made Salt and Dill pickles that were very good. His granddaughter, Lily C. Provost remembers them so well. She remembers going to see her grandparents when she was two years old and seeing them sitting on the porch as they are in the accompanying photo.

Kezia Elizabeth Russell, daughter of Richard and Hannah Underhill Russell, was born 12 Jan. 1844 in Tisbury, Gloucestershire, England. She was christened in the Church of England but soon after her family joined the LDS Church. The mother died before they left England to come to America and Utah but in 1864 they left their home and came to Utah. The father died on the way

to Utah but the family came on, joining an Aunt and Uncle in Utah living on the Weber River. Kezia obtained employment on a farm where Henry Cluff was laboring. He wooed and won her and they were married on 9 November 1865 in Provo, being sealed later in the Endowment House. Soon after their marriage the young wife was left alone while Henry went to fight in the Black Hawk War. She was not used to the wilds of western America and suffered many hardships. She learned to depend on the Lord to help her through the trying times. She raised a family of 11 children 5 girls and 6 boys. She died at the age of 71 on 16 Jan. 1915 in Provo, they having moved there a few years before her death.

Henry's and Kezia's children were as follows:

1. Ada Leonora born 6 Aug. 1866 at Provo, and was married to George F. Moulton 27 Sept. 1883. She died in 1947.
2. Lilley May born 25 May 1868 in Provo. She was married to George R. Hardman 12 Oct. 1887. She died 19 Oct. 1950.
3. Henry Russell born 3 Dec. 1869 in Provo. He married Fanny Lavina McDonald 2 Oct. 1892 and died 18 June 1958.
4. Evelyn born 14 Aug. 1872 in Wanship, Summit Co., Utah. She married James H. McDonald.
5. Charles Richard born 7 Feb. 1874 at Elkhorn (now Keetley). He married Emma Verona McDonald 16 Oct. 1900. He died 23 June 1954.
6. Hattie born 19 Jan. 1876 at Elkhorn. She drowned when nearly three years old on 13 Oct. 1879.
7. Eleanor born 28 Feb. 1878 at Keetley. She married George Washington 6 Dec. 1898 and Morant Moulton 11 Aug. 1898. She died 28 Jan. 1955.
8. William David born 24 April 1880 at Keetley. He married Mabel Bates 14 Feb. 1903.
9. Hyrum Frederick born 22 Jan. 1882 at Keetley. He married Maria Margaret Taylor 15 July 1903.
10. John Robert born 24 Nov. 1883 in Provo. He married Myrtle Jones.
11. Albert Edward born 6 Oct. 1885 at Keetley, and died 6 June 1887.

1931 DEATH CALLS HENRY CLUFF

Henry Cluff, 89, a pioneer of 1850 and a former resident of this valley, died at his home in Provo on the morning of January 16th.

Mr. Cluff was born Feb. 15, 1843, in Nauvoo, Hancock County, Illinois, the son of David and Betsey Hall Cluff.

He came to Utah with his parents in 1850, settling in what is known as the old Fort of Provo. In 1872 he and the family came to Wasatch and lived north of Heber, on the old Cluff ranch.

While residing here he acted as presiding Elder and later as Bishop until 1920. On November 8, 1892, he was elected Justice of the Peace in Wasatch County, and in 1900 was elected County Commissioner on the Democratic ticket.

He moved back to Provo in 1903, where he has since resided. He took part in the first dramatic association organized in Provo and was a member of the Provo choir under the leadership of James E. Daulton. He was a veteran of the Black Hawk Indian war and in his early days he spent two years transporting immigrants from Missouri to Utah, at the request of President Brigham Young.

He was employed by the Union Pacific railroad company when it first came to Utah in 1869. He aided in building the first log fort at Provo and also helped to build a 12 foot cobble rock wall around the block between University Ave. and First East, and Center and 1st North Streets. The wall was built for protection of the soldiers when it was announced that Jackson's army was coming to Utah.

Mr. Cluff always took an active part in the L. D. S. Church and in the civic affairs of the community, and held the office at the time of his death. His wife, Kezia Russell Cluff, died January 16, 1915. Surviving are five sons, Henry R. Cluff of Heber, Charles and Wm. D. Cluff of Provo, H. Fred Cluff, Salt Lake; John R. Cluff of Idaho; four daughters, Mrs. Ada E. Moulton of Springville, Mrs. Lillie May Hardman of Woodland, Mrs. J. H. McDonald of Provo and Mrs. Nellie Woolstenhulme of Victor, Idaho; also two brothers: Orson Cluff of Mesa, Arizona and Jerry Cluff of Provo, together with 50 grandchildren and 52 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in the Provo fifth ward chapel last Sunday, many people from here attending. Interment was in the Provo City cemetery.